

# MULTIDISCIPLINARY PROTOCOL FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF CHILD ABUSE



## NAVAJO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

July 1, 2019- JUNE 30, 2020

### SUMMARY:

ARS §§8-817 REQUIRES EACH COUNTY TO SUBMIT A REPORT BASED UPON ACTIVITY UNDER THE "MULTIDISCIPLINARY PROTOCOL FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF CHILD ABUSE." NAVAJO COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND THE NAVAJO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAVE TRACKED THE NUMBERS OF THESE CASES BETWEEN JULY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2020.

### NAVAJO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (NCAO) ACTIVITY CHART:

THE CHART BELOW REPRESENTS NCAO'S CRIMINAL CONDUCT ALLEGATIONS RELATED TO INVESTIGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE, INCLUDING MULTIPLE ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES.

NAVAJO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	SUBMITTALS BY A.R.S CHARGE	CRIMINAL CONDUCT ALLEGATION CHARGES FILED	CASES NOT CHARGED	CASES PENDING CHARGING	DISPOSITION BY A.R.S CHARGE
<u>TOTAL CASES</u>	94	34	16	48	50

### SUBMITTALS BY A.R.S CHARGE:

NUMBER OF CASES TOTAL (94) SUBMITTED BY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FOR REVIEW.

### CRIMINAL CONDUCT ALLEGATION CHARGES FILED:

34 THIS NUMBER REPRESENTS CASES THAT WERE SUBMITTED AND CHARGED BY NCAO.

### CASES NOT CHARGED:

16 CASES WERE NOT CHARGED; CAN INCLUDE CASES THAT WERE RETURNED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION, LACK OF EVIDENCE, COMBINED WITH ANOTHER CASE, OR REFERRED TO ANOTHER AGENCY FOR PROSECUTION.

### DISPOSITIONS:

A TOTAL OF 50 CASES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED BY CONVICTION

**NAVAJO COUNTY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTICIPANTS IN MDT, JULY 1,2019– JUNE 30,2020**

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>TOTAL # OF CASES INVESTIGATED</b>	<b># OF CASES SENT TO NCAO</b>	<b># OF CASES STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION</b>
<b>NAVAJO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE</b>	52	14	15
<b>HOLBROOK POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	7	2	2
<b>WINSLOW POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	3	0	1
<b>SHOW LOW POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	47	27	5
<b>SNOWFLAKE/TAYLOR POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	32 (Several were agency assists to be filed by other agencies)	5	8
<b>PINETOP/LAKESIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	6	5	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	147 CASES INVESTIGATED IN NAVAJO COUNTY FOR CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN	53 CASES THAT WERE SENT TO THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR REVIEW	31 CASES ARE STILL OPEN AND ARE PENDING INVESTIGATION

THE NAVAJO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE GOALS AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE COMING YEAR:

- CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OUR MONTHLY MDT MEETINGS
- CONTINUE TO FULLY UTILIZE OUR FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTERS.
- ENCOURAGE MORE CASES FROM AGENCIES TO BE SENT IN TO THE NAVAJO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR REVIEW.
- CONDUCT AT LEAST 3 TRAININGS A YEAR FOR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO IMPROVE INVESTIGATIONS OF CHILD SEX CRIMES.

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